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REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed reference is attached. **It is noted that the claims of the present application were substantially copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,199,048 in order to provoke an interference. A 607 Request will be filed shortly.**
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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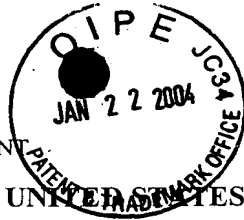
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